

THE DAY HE WORE MY CROWN

Easter Sunday
April 7, 1996
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn 298

Our Gifts to God

Offering Prayer

Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
O praise God, Alleluia.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost.
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Scripture Reading

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The Resurrection story in songs by
Dallas Holm, Dottie Rambo, Phil Johnson,
Tim Sheppard, Bill & Gloria Gaither, Brent
Lamb, Lanny Wolfe and Lari Goss
created and arranged by
David T. Clydesdale

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Christ's Prayer "Our Creator, which art in heaven..."

Invitation to Holy Communion

Words in Institution

Sharing of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Our Familyship Circle

Benediction

Welcome Visitors

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THE CHOIR

Soprano

Denise Knight
Margie Miller
Nancy Underhill
Debbie Tate

Tenor

Walter Allen, II
Gene Aaron
Honey Bigelow
Joseph Nobles
Wes Fortner
David Schaner

Alto

Dennis Luft
Cheri McKinnon
Michelle McDonald
Stevie Hoven
Kathy Martin
Peg Schoettlin

Bass

Tim Liptak
Greg Adams
Allan Francis
Eddie Simmons
Mark Moore

Soloist

Cheri McKinnon
Mark Allen Cobb
Greg Adams
Dennis Luft

Debbie Tate
Walter Allen, II
Mark Moore

Music Director

Mark Allen Cobb

Accompanist

Connie Carroll

Narrator

Richard May

Sound Technicians

Michael Betts
Allan Francis

Pastor

Rev. Marge Ragona

Clergy In Formation

Andy Mullins (Atlanta), Greg Bullard (Memphis),
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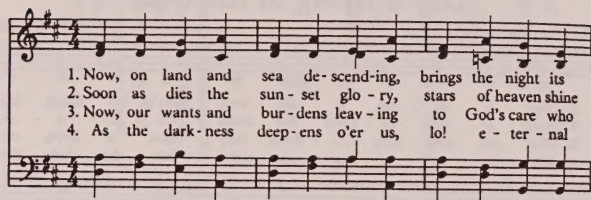
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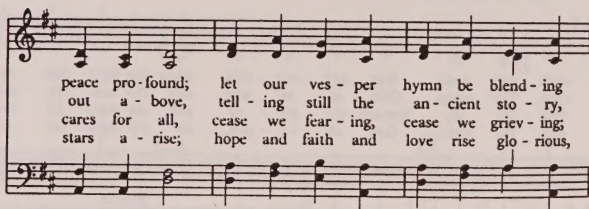
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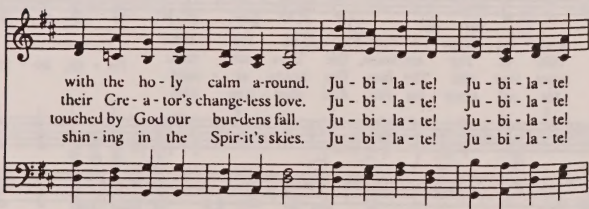
Now, on Land and Sea Descending



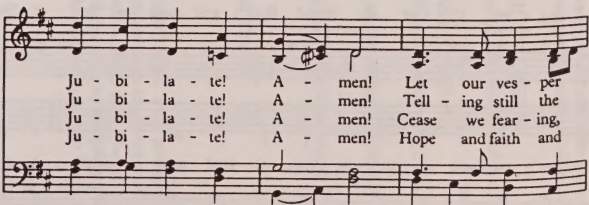
1. Now, on land and sea de-scend-ing, brings the night its
 2. Soon as dies the sun-set glo-ry, stars of heaven shine
 3. Now, our wants and bur-dens leav-ing to God's care who
 4. As the dark-ness deep-ens o'er us, lo! e-ter-nal



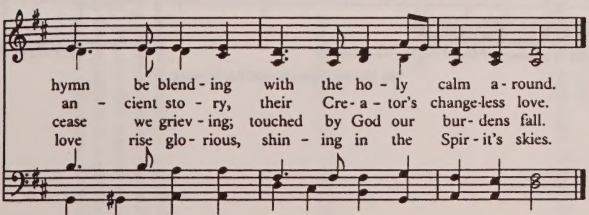
peace pro-found; let our ves-per hymn be blend-ing
 out a-bove, tell-ing still the an-cient sto-ry,
 cares for all, cease we fear-ing, cease we griev-ing,
 stars a-rise; hope and faith and love rise glo-rious,



with the ho-ly calm a-round. Ju-bi-la-te! Ju-bi-la-te!
 their Cre-a-tor's change-less love. Ju-bi-la-te! Ju-bi-la-te!
 touched by God our bur-dens fall. Ju-bi-la-te! Ju-bi-la-te!
 shin-ing in the Spir-it's skies. Ju-bi-la-te! Ju-bi-la-te!



Ju-bi-la-te! A-men! Let our ves-per
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 love rise glo-rious, shin-ing in the Spir-it's skies.



A n n o u n c e m e n t s

SUNDAYS

9:30 a.m. ■ Inquirer's Class: Polity/Government
11 a.m. ■ Morning Worship and Children's Church
7 p.m. ■ Evening Worship and Praise Service

MONDAYS

6:30 p.m. ■ Instrumentalists practice

TUESDAYS

6:30 p.m. ■ Choir Praise

WEDNESDAYS

7 p.m. ■ The Many Faces of God

THURSDAYS

7 p.m. ■ Bible Study (Maps are available in the foyer)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Members	128	Agape House	\$1000
Attendance	150	Year to Date	\$415
Budget	\$8,316	Other Benevolence	\$300
Last Month	\$8,490	Given to CAF	\$130
Last Sunday	\$1,585	Given from CAF	\$360

MONDAY, APRIL 8

6 p.m. ■ Personnel Committee meeting (closed)
7 p.m. ■ Board Meeting (open to everyone)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7 p.m. ■ Contemplative prayer study, *The Many Faces of God*. This week: "God, the potter, recreates us."

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7-10 p.m. ■ Common Ground Coffee House at the church, sponsored by GALAA (Gay And Lesbian Alliance of Alabama)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7 p.m. ■ In keeping with our "Forging New Alliances" theme, Howard Warren, a Presbyterian gay man seeking ordination and an AIDS chaplain in Indianapolis will be speaking at our church. He has been denied any other pulpit in Birmingham.

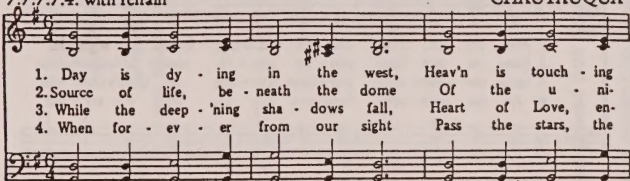
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Nashville ■ Registration forms for District Conference are in the lobby; please see Shirley Lambert or Wes Fortner, our delegates, for more information.

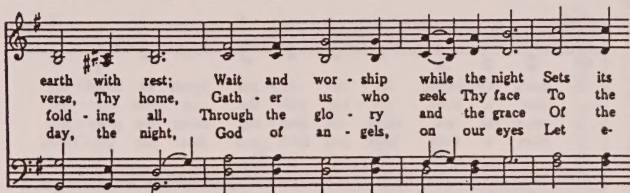
Day is dying in the west

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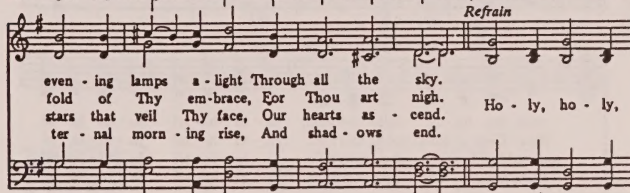
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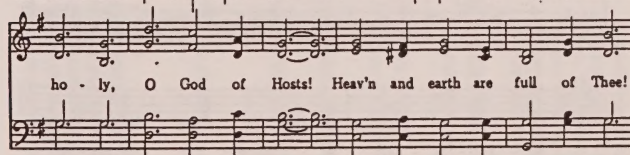
1. Day is dy - ing in the west, Heav'n is touch - ing
 2. Source of life, be - neath the dome Of the u - ni -
 3. While the deep - 'ning sha - dows fall, Heart of Love, en -
 4. When for - ev - er from our sight Pass the stars, the



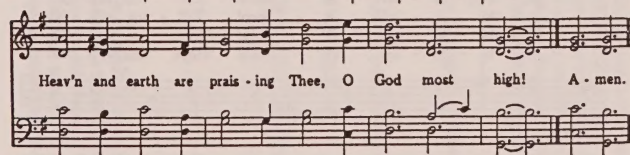
earth with rest; Wait and wor - ship while the night Sets its
 verse, Thy home, Gath - er us who seek Thy face To the
 fold - ing all, Through the glo - ry and the grace Of the
 day, the night, God of an - gels, on our eyes Let e -



Refrain
 even - ing lamps a - light Through all the sky.
 fold of Thy em - brace, For Thou art nigh. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 stars that veil Thy face, Our hearts as - cend.
 ter - nal morn - ing rise, And shad - ows end.



ho - ly, O God of Hosts! Heav'n and earth are full of Thee!



Heav'n and earth are prais - ing Thee, O God most high! A - men.

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*A cheerful look
brings joy to the heart,
and good news gives
health to the bones.*

Proverbs 15:30 NIV



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Richard Barham, John Foust, Dr. Lee Rahe

Evening Worship
April 28, 1996
7:00 p.m.

SINGSPIRATION

Kathy Martin

++CALL TO WORSHIP

Eddie Merrell

ONE: Jesus Christ, the Passover lamb that was slain, lives!

MANY: Worthy is the lamb to receive power and wisdom and glory
and blessing.

ONE: Myriads of the faithful, freed and called to be a nation of priests of God,
sing praise.

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God, forever
and ever. Amen

++THE OPENING HYMN

Day is Dying in the West

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++THE OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Ragona

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shirley Lambert

HYMN OF CELEBRATION

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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EVENING OFFERING

Mark Moore

Offertory

++THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

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Praise God above ye heavenly host,

Praise Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost.

O praise God, O praise God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 17: 3-10

II Corinthians 10: 3-7

John 10: 27-30

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mark Cobb

THE SERMON

Richard Barham

"Got a Goliath Problem?"

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Rev. Ragona

CHRIST'S PRAYER: "Our Creator, who art in heaven..."

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Please hold your empty communion cup until the basket is passed.

Please do not put it on the seat. Thank you.

Intercessors are available for prayer on each side of the altar.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

465

++CLOSING HYMN

Now on Land and Sea Descending

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++OUR FAMILYSHIP CIRCLE

++THE BENEDICTION AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

++ Please stand.

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REGULAR EVENTS EACH WEEK

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY: The Many Faces of God 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study (Maps are available in the foyer) 7:00 p.m.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 30, 8:00 p.m. Deacon and Staff Meeting.

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Study This week: "God, the Homemaker, seeks her own."

Saturday, May 4, 9-5, Work Day at the Church.

District Conference, May 17, 18, and 19 in Nashville. Registration forms are in the lobby; please see Shirley Lambert or Wes Fortner, our delegates, for more information.

We need \$1593 for current bills; \$2945 to meet budget.

For Your Information

Members	128	Agape House	\$1000
Attendance	144	Year to Date	\$417
Budget	\$8,316	Other Benevolence	\$300
Month to date	\$5,371	Given to CAF	\$150
Last Sunday	\$1,664	Given from CAF	\$660



Rejoice!
Rejoice and
sing!



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Evening Worship
May 5, 1996
7:00 p.m.

SINGSPARATION

Wes Fortner

++CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Luft

ONE: God has made this day.

MANY: Let us rejoice and be glad.

ONE: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

ALL: Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comforter. Amen.

++THE OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Blessed Assurance

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Psalm 33: 1-5, 34: 1-3

Philippians 4: 4-7

Matthew 5: 14-16

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randall

Standing in the Presence of the King

THE SERMON

Richard Barham

"Praise God!"

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There Is A Balm in Gilead

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++CLOSING HYMN

God Will Take Care of You

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Monday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. Church History Course resumes. The Islamic invasion.

Tuesday, May 7, 8:00 p.m. Council on Ministries. Everyone is welcome to our Gay Pride Planning Session.

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Study This week: "God, the Employer, Pays Us All Equally." Come and share this prayer study on grace. Six week unit begins.

Friday, May 10, 7-10 p.m. Common Ground Coffee House for people under 25.

District Conference, May 17, 18, and 19 in Nashville. Registration forms are in the lobby; please see Shirley Lambert or Wes Fortner, our delegates, for more information.

Potluck Mother's Day (next Sunday) . Avoid the crowds at the restaurants; plan to eat with us in the Reception Hall. Bring a covered dish. Please use the inserted checklist to indicate what you intend to bring, and leave it with Missy Ragona at the door.

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